[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*c*) Yes. The rate of grant for the maintenance of the road has been doubled from this year onwards.

(*d*) Both the Division and the Sub-Division Officers, besides the Section Officer, have inspected the road.

(*e*) The road is reported to be in a good condition and fit for cart traffic, except at the Putupalli embankment where special repairs of the flood damages are in progress at present.

(The President arrived at 12-27 P. M. and took the Chair.)

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With reference to the anwer to part (*c*) of the question, may I know what is the total amount of allotment for the maintenance of a mile of the road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 100 per mile. Recently it has been raised from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With regard to part (*c*), may I know when the special repairs to the embankment were undertaken?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The work is to be finished by this year.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): May I know whether the work has actually been begun?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say whether the work has actually been begun; but there is a provision of Rs. 1,000 for the work.

Kanjirapalli-Erattupetta Road.

73. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Kanjirapalli-Erattupetta road is fit for cart traffic;

(*b*) whether any repair work was done on this road in 1100 or 1101; and

(*c*) whether they will consider if this road cannot be metalled?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; the maintenance grant for the road has been raised to Rs. 160 per mile from 1101 onwards.

(*c*) Four miles of the road have already been metalled; the improvement and metalling of the whole road is receiving consideration.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*), *viz.*, "Four miles of the road have already been metalled; the improvement and metalling of the whole road is receiving consideration", may I know when these four miles were metalled?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say exactly in what year the metalling was done. They are metalled roads now.

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